



# Rangitikei District Council

## Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 9 August 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

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**Present:**

- Cr Ruth Rainey
- Cr Richard Aslett
- Cr Cath Ash
- Cr Nigel Belsham
- Cr Jane Dunn
- Cr Angus Gordon
- Cr Lynne Sheridan
- Cr David Wilson
- Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)

**Also Present** Cr Graeme Platt

**In attendance:**

- Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Management
- Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
- Mr Glenn Young, Utilities Manager
- Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager
- Mr Wiremu Greening, Utilities Projects Team Leader
- Mr Chris Pepper, Senior Projects Manager
- Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roading Advisor
- Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
- Mr Robert Rose, Assets and Compliance Team Leader
- Mr Lequan Meihana, Strategic Advisor – Iwi: Hapu
- Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents**

- Item 7:** Chairs report
- Item 9:** Update on Infrastructure Protection Matters August 2018
- Item 13:** Memorial Park Amenities Building
- Item 16:** LGNZ Three Water Survey
- Item 15:** Community Housing Update
- Item 23:** Late Item

## 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 9:33am. The Deputy Chair, Cr Rainey, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Council Prayer

Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel read the Council Prayer.

## 3 Apologies/leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence on His Worship the Mayor and Cr McManaway and the late arrival of Cr Gordon be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 4 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting,

### **Broadway Infrastructure Upgrade Stages 2 & 3 Variations to Contract 1046**

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

There was no scheduled change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**

**18/AIN/052**

**File Ref**

**3-CT-13-2**

That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 12 July 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

The Chair took her tabled report as read.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/053**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-13-4**

That the Chair's Report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 9 August 2018 be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Wilson. Carried

## 8 Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## 10 Marton and Bulls Wastewater Disposal - proposed way forward

Mr Pepper spoke to the report with the following highlights:

- The outcome from the recent steering group meeting was a universal consensus of the direction of the Marton and Bulls wastewater disposal project.
- The process would include investigating and securing land disposal first to ensure irrigation options and then working backwards.
- Staff understand the mana of the river and the engagement process to ensure that as a considered factor.
- The Marton wastewater treatment plant remaining as a standalone treatment plant is being considered as an option as part of investigations.
- Investigation costs will show comparisons of the following:
  - Option 1. Marton disposal to land and part river
  - Option 2. Marton to river
  - Option 3. Marton to land
- Current consenting costs assumptions is they will be the same, however that may not be the case in reality.

Main points discussed were:

- If wastewater was to continue to be treated in Marton, there is no appropriate land disposal site. It would therefore require a higher standard of treatment for water disposal.
- The decision on the future of the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant, should it be decommissioned, is five or more years away.
- The potential land purchase figure for a land disposal site is indicative and required in order to get the process started.

- Forestry land could be a cheaper option for land disposal.
- Central government funding may become available for land purchase, otherwise the cost would be through rates or council borrowing.
- On page 64 of the order paper (page 25 of the business case) it is noted that additional funding of \$8.5m is required in year one. Following the 2018-28 Long Term Plan the additional funding was updated, which now needs to be reflected in the business plan.
- Technical detail will be worked through as part of the resource consent. That includes consideration of
  - rain and wind
  - provisions for ground water monitoring
  - screening of neighbouring properties
- ANZCO are currently not interested in partnering with Council on a Marton-Bulls wastewater treatment project. There is potential for future partnerships with capital contribution or cost contribution when their consent expires.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/055**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WW-1-4**

That the report on 'Marton and Bulls Wastewater Disposal - Proposed Direction' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 9 August 2018 be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/056**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WW-1-4**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, having considered the detailed business case on options to address wastewater disposal from Bulls and Marton, recommends to Council that:

- Establishing a land-based disposal system for the combined Marton and Bulls wastewater flows is confirmed as Council's preferred option;
- The process to procure the appropriate land disposal area(s) for Marton and Bulls treated wastewater is commenced;
- The pipeline design and progress with scoping the other elements of the proposed project continue to be advanced;
- Further engagement/consultation with Iwi and the Bulls/Marton communities is undertaken prior to the lodging of the resource consent application with Horizons by the end of October 2018;
- Reports on progress are provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, ahead of any requirement for a final Council decision prior to the lodging of the resource consent application in October 2018.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

Cr Gordon arrived at 9:42 am

## **9 Legal access to Council's strategic sites - Progress update – August 2018**

Mr Pointon took the report as read. Council Chief Executive, Mr McNeil, spoke to the Committee regarding the Marton A Dam. A pre-feasibility study is underway on whether a slow release of stored water from the dam would have a positive contribution to the ecological health of the Tutaenui Stream. Consultation will include Ngati Apa, the Tutaenui Restoration Group and take into account the hydrology expertise of Horizons Regional Council. In the time before the construction of the B and C dams, the stream had an ephemeral flow, with times of consistently no surface water flow during extended dry periods. Consideration needs to be made to what material benefit would be achieved by a continuous release. It is possible that caveats concerning the dam be made as part of the sale of the land. The concern of Council liability of an earthquake compromising the dam will be included in the investigation including what assessment information is held.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/054**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-4**

That the tabled update 'Legal access to Council's strategic sites - Progress update – August 2018' to the 9 August Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Dunn. Carried

## **11 Consenting strategy update for Council's wastewater treatment plant upgrade projects**

Mr Young spoke to the memorandum highlighting the historical issues with Hunterville Wastewater Treatment Plant exceeding its maximum discharge consent limits during wet weather. Discussion was had on the illegal discharge detected through monitoring. Enforcement is proving difficult as the illegal discharge has been happening at night and the exact source was unknown. Staff are working with Horizons to track down the offender/s. Further potential issues noted by staff were incidences of new builds illegally connecting their storm water pipes to the sewerage pipes post consent process and inspection.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/057**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WW-1**

That the memorandum 'Consenting strategy update for Council's wastewater treatment plant upgrade projects' to Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 9 August be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **12 Biological Control: Taihape oxidisation pond and associated considerations.**

Mr Jamieson spoke to the memorandum, declaring his background as previously being part-owner operator of a business that breed and supplied the fish discussed within the

memorandum. Mr Jamieson stated he no longer has any financial interest in the business and considers he has no conflict of interest in the matter.

Mr Jamieson highlighted the two species of fish noted in the memorandum and the different issues each can have a positive effect on. The inability of both fish species to breed in New Zealand was reiterated. The Department of Conservation (DoC) have endorsed that stance. A number of Iwi have introduced the fish to aid in the return of water health.

Mr van Bussel spoke in favour of trialling the fish. The cost of securing the Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant pond with screening would be \$2,000.

The only predator of the fish are fresh water cormorants, therefore the fish released will be bred to such a size that would be too large for the bird.

DoC is required to assess each application making suggestions on introduction if granted. DoC do not offer funding for such projects.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/058**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WW-1-8**

That the memorandum 'Biological Control: Taihape oxidation pond and associated considerations' to the 9 August Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/059**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WW-1-8**

That the following activities be approved by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee:

That a joint 26ZM(3) application to the Department of Conservation be made for the Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant oxidation pond, AND Dudding Lake, AND Marton B and C Dam;

AND

That a feasibility exercise for using silver carp at the Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant oxidation pond be undertaken.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

## **13 Memorial Park Amenities Building – Update August 2018**

Cr Rainey, Gordon and Aslett tabled a document, with Cr Gordon tabling a second document showing a breakdown of the Taihape Park users.

Ms Prince spoke to the report and of the public meeting held on 3 August, where His Worship the Mayor urged users to reach a consensus and the Chief Executive spoke of the history. The outcome from the meeting was users requesting a cost investigation into the renovation of the facilities under the Taihape grandstand.

An extensive discussion took place with mixed views on what and where the Taihape community wants amenities in Memorial Park. Committee members agreed to council continuing investigation of options.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/060**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RF-1-12**

That the report 'Memorial Park Amenities Building – Update August 2018' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting 9 August 2018 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/061**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RF-1-12**

1        That as requested by members of the Taihape community the proposed new amenities building project be put on hold, and that an estimate be sought to renovate both the facilities under the Taihape grandstand as well as the grandstand itself.

2        That the Chief Executive write to Clubs Taihape seeking clarification, following their AGM on 1 August, of their proposed project for Memorial Park.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried  
Against Cr Rainey and Cr Aslett

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/062**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RF-1-12**

That a working group of staff and Councillors be formed to progress the Taihape Memorial Park Facility project and to consider the options of leasing the croquet grounds to Clubs Taihape to allow them to build their amenity building.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

Cr Ash left at 11:13 – 11:17am

## **14 Kakariki Road – safety improvements**

Mr Pokiha spoke to the item, stating that 3 enhancements have taken place including improved signage. Council holds no funding for complete realignments and such substantive work would require NZTA input and approval. Staff are undertaking further assessment with considerations given to installing crash barriers and laying surface friction - the cost of which would be from the maintenance budget. Driver behaviour was noted as the main cause of accidents.

Cr Dunn left at 11:18-11:20am

## **15 Community Housing Update**

Ms Prince took the report as read. Main points discussed were:



- The updated Residential Tenancies Act 1986 states that insulation be installed if possible. There are a number of council housing stock that have been noted as difficult to insulate.
- Councillors commended staff on the high quality public engagement that has had positive feedback from tenants and the public.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/063**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-1-14**

That the 'Community Housing Update' report to Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 9 August be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Belsham. Carried

## **16 LGNZ Three Waters Survey**

Mr Waugh spoke to the survey and invited councillor's feedback. It was agreed that feedback be given to Mr Hodder as a late item at the following Policy/Planning Committee meeting later that day and via email no later than mid-morning the following day.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/064**                      **File Ref**

That the suggested response to Local Government New Zealand's survey on the Government's three waters review be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/065**                      **File Ref**

That the Chief Executive convey the suggested response as amended to Local Government New Zealand's survey on the Government's three waters review.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

## **17 Council contribution to a parking area and bus stop at the St Andrews Church site for Bulls School**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **18 Process for lowering the speed limit on Hendersons Line near Pukepapa Road (Marton)**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/066**                      **File Ref**                      **1-DB-1-7**

That Council applies to the New Zealand Transport Agency to allow an extension of the 70 km/h limit on Pukepapa Road to 200m in Hendersons Line and, if not approved, defer consideration of a lower limit until the review of the Speed Limit Bylaw scheduled for 2019.

Cr Wilson / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 19 Questions put at previous meeting for Council's advice or action

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## 20 Infrastructure Group Report

Mr Waugh, Mr Pokiha, Mr Greening, Mr Rose and Mr Young were available to answer the Committee's questions. Mr Waugh highlighted the new reporting format, suggesting that the relevant activity management reports and requests for services be appendices to the item, and for the purpose of the meeting be taken concurrently. This was supported by Committee members.

Key points to the item were:

- It was noted that the Ratana Wastewater Treatment Plant open day is pencilled in for 25 August to coincide with another hui being held in Ratana.
- The storm water hotspot of Harris Street, Marton was halted due to bad weather and will resume when the weather improves with staff considering the protection of resident's lawns as a factor. More work is needed downstream of Harris Street. A report noting the priority of hotspots will be presented to the next Assets/Infrastructure meeting.
- Mr Rose spoke to the Bulls wastewater non-compliance noting the installation of a new flow meter.

**Resolved minute number**

**18/AIN/067**

**File Ref**

**5-EX-3-2**

That the 'Infrastructure Group Report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting 9 August 2018 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Wilson. Carried

## 21 Community and Leisure Report

Ms Prince took the report as read and the activity management reports be taken concurrently. It was noted:

- a public planting day at Marton B and C dams will take place 25 August 2018.

- ownership of the site adjoining the Papa Cliff Café in Mangaweka has been confirmed as that of the café owner.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/068**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-3-2**

That the 'Community and Leisure report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting 9 August 2018 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Dunn. Carried

## 22 Activity management

This item was taken concurrently with items 20 and 21

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/069**                      **File Ref**

That the activity management templates for June 2018 for Roading, Water (including rural water supplies), Sewerage and the treatment and disposal of sewage, Stormwater drainage, Community and leisure assets, and Rubbish and recycling be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 23 Late Items

### Broadway Infrastructure Upgrade Stages 2 & 3 Variations to Contract 1046

Mr Pokiha and Mr Waugh spoke to the item.

Mr Pokiha noted stage one will be complete following the final seal being applied following a settlement period.

Staff highlighted that Rule 13 of Council's procurement process allowing for direct negotiation with the supplier for subsequent stages in the contract.

Councillors expressed their concern over contract staffing levels leading to an extended project time on the upper Broadway project in Marton. It was understood that the contractor had a number of projects simultaneously with Council, some of which were delayed due to weather that caused the contracting staff to be spread. Staff asked for issues regarding quality of final product from the contractor be raised with them.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/070**                      **File Ref**                      **5-CM-1-1046**

That the memorandum 'Broadway Infrastructure Upgrade Stages 2 & 3 Variations to Contract 1046' to the 9 August Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Wilson / Cr Aslett. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/071**                      **File Ref**                      **5-CM-1-1046**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that a variation to Contract 1046 be issued to I.D. Loader for

Stage 2 \$302,720 and

Stage 3 \$250,130,

**Totalling \$552,850 (GST excl.)**

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

## **24 Future Items for the agenda**

None

## **25 Next meeting**

13 September 2018, 9.30 am

## **26 Meeting closed**

12.04pm

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

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